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**LET'S
BUILD
TRANSFORMATIVE
KNOWLEDGE
TO DRIVE
SOCIAL CHANGE**

*be
knowled-
giastic!**

(show enthusiasm about and
actively encourage the co-creation
of transformative knowledge*

The **6th International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education** is focused on Knowledge, Engagement & Higher Education. The Conference will provide visibility and will critically examine one of the most significant trends in higher education: the growth of the theory and practice of engagement as a key feature in the evolution of HE.

In the Conference, GUNi aims to approach the challenge of engagements by HEIs in the larger society in an integrated manner: it will explore ways in which engagement enhances teaching, learning and research; it will approach engagement in ways that accept the multiple sites and epistemologies of knowledge, as well as the reciprocity and mutuality in learning and education through engagement.

In exploring this contemporary issue, the Conference will attempt to describe how university-community engagement is evolving nowadays and will propose to go beyond by offering new visions and ways for the future. GUNi invites the international academic community to jointly analyze how to **build transformative knowledge to drive social change**.

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GUNi was created in 1999 by UNESCO, the United Nations University (UNU) and the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) after UNESCO's first World Conference on Higher Education. Since then, GUNi is following its mandate to create frameworks for reflection and action. GUNi aims to encourage the academic community to play a significant role, to facilitate the interchange of value between higher education and society.

The mission of GUNi is to strengthen higher education's role in society, contributing to the renewal of the visions, missions and policies of the main issues of higher education across the world, under a vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility.

GUNi's main objectives are:

- To encourage higher education institutions to reorient their roles for broadening social contribution, embrace this process of transformation and strengthen their critical stance within society.
- To foster networking among higher education institutions and cooperation between them and society.
- To help bridge the gap between developed and developing countries in the field of higher education and foster the cooperation North-South and South-South.
- To promote the exchange of resources, innovative ideas and experiences, while allowing for collective reflection, and coproduction of knowledge regarding innovation, social responsibility and relevance, and emerging HE issues.

The Presidency and the Secretariat are located in Barcelona and has regional representatives around the world: Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, the Arab States, Europe and North America.

Join us!

GUNi is composed of higher education institutions from over 75 countries, including the UNESCO Chairs in HE, universities, research centers and other entities and networks linked to higher education and who share values, ideals, interests and areas of work with us.

GUNiKnowledge Community

Building knowledge together

linking the international community involved in emerging issues in HE and supporting the creation, transfer and application of knowledge about the transformation of higher education and its role in global challenges.

GUNiNetwork

Encouraging institutional alliances

through a wide array of institutions from around the world that share the vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility of higher education.

GUNiConference

International Barcelona Conference
on Higher Education

International forum for debate on the challenges facing higher education.

GUNiReport

Higher Education in the World Report

Key issues and challenges facing higher education and its institutions in the 21st century.

GUNiResearch

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Working on research projects about innovation on higher education.

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